

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-12 have been canceled in favor of new claims 13-19. Support for the subject matter of the new claims is provided in the original claims, Figs. 1 (see messages 1-6), 8, and 9, and page 16, line 10, through page 31, line 25 of the specification. (References herein to the specification and drawings are for illustrative purposes only and are not intended to limit the scope of the invention to the referenced embodiments.)

The claims have been drafted to avoid the issues underlying the indefiniteness rejections applied to claims 1-12.

Claims 1-12 were rejected, under 35 USC §102(e), as being anticipated by Juitt et al. (US 7,042,988). To the extent these rejections may be deemed applicable to new claims 13-19, the Applicants respectfully traverse based on the points set forth below.

Claim 13 recites features of claims 1 and 5 and defines an information protection method that protects user identification information against attacks from a third party using a challenge and response scheme for mutual authentication of a mobile terminal and a network. The claimed subject matter supports mutual authentication between a plurality of network entities (such as a mobile terminal, access point and home domain server) in one message round trip (see Fig. 1 and specification paragraph [0161]).

The above-mentioned subject matter of claim 13 was recited in original claim 5.

Juitt does not disclose this subject matter and the Office Action presents no arguments or findings of fact to the contrary.

Accordingly, the Applicants submit that Juitt does not anticipate the subject matter defined by claim 13. Independent claims 17 and 19 similarly recite the above mentioned subject matter distinguishing method claim 13 from Juitt, but with respect to apparatuses. Therefore, allowance of claims 13, 17, and 19 and all claims dependent therefrom is warranted.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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